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SUBJ: CANADIAN REACTION TO ILO WORLD EMPLOYMENT
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1. CANADIAN ASSESSMENT AS DESCRIBED BY JOHN MAINWARING (DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL RELATIONS, LABOUR CANADA) CLOSELY PARALLELS OUR OWN OUTLINED IN REFTEL. GOC'S EARLIER CONCERN ABOUT "BASIC NEEDS" APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON WORLD-WIDE BASIS WAS LAID TO REST WHEN EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON INDIVIDUAL NATION BASIS. SIMILARLY, VAGUE REFERENCE TO NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IS ONE THAT CANADIANS CAN ACCEPT. GOC ATTRIBUTED "TOTAL PARALYSIS" OF WORKING GROUP ON MULTINATIONALS TO UNACCEPTABLE POSITION TAKEN BY GROUP OF 77, AND TO LESSER EXTENT WORKER GROUP, AND SWEDEN AND NORWAY BREAKING RANKS AMONG WESTERN GOVERNMENTS. HIGH MARKS GIVEN TO INDONESIAN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SUBROTO FOR PUSHING SINGLE REPORT THROUGH WITHOUT AMENDMENTS, IN CONTRAST TO "WEAK PERFORMANCE" BY TUNISIAN CHAIRMAN OF WEC. MAINWARING ENVISAGES POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES WHEN GOVERNING BODY SEIZED IN NOVEMBER WITH WEC CONCLUSIONS

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PLUS POSSIBLY OVER-AMBITIOUS IMPLEMENTATION PROPOSALS

BY ILO SECRETARIAT.

2. IN TERMS OF BOTH WEC AND GENERAL CONFERENCE
MAINWARING READILY ADMITTED HAVING BEEN PLEASANTLY
SURPRISED AT WEO RESPONSE TO U.S. EFFORTS (AIDED BY OUR
LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW) THAT RESULTED IN EFFECTIVE
CONSULTATION AND COHESION AS HAD NOT EXISTED FOR MANY
YEARS IN ILO.

3. IN SIMILAR VEIN CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS PRESIDENT
JOE MORRIS TOLD LABATT THAT TWO ILO CONFERENCES HAD
PROVEN THAT WESTERN SOLIDARITY CAN DEFEAT OUR OPPONENTS
AND PERSUADE REASONABLE ELEMENTS WITHIN GROUP OF 77 TO
WORK WITH US.
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